GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3100
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INCIDENTS OF SNAKE BITE DEATH
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji;Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba;Owaisi Shri Asaduddin;Rawale Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has the highest incidents of snake bite deaths in the world as reported in the Times of India dated August 2, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government is planning to initiate a National Policy on treating snake bites;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the aforesaid National Policy will be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b) : As per the compiled data based on the information received from Directorates of Health Services of respective State/Union Territories, the number of deaths reported due to snake bite in the country, year wise is 1423 in 2004, 1502 in 2005 and 1114 in 2006.

(c)to(e) : The treatment protocol for Snakebites is being finalized.The information regarding protocol would be widely disseminated including to all stake holders, State Governments for effective treatment.